Spiritual Levitation

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The Other side of

Abstemiousness

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“Your writing is both inspirational and motivating…”

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Introduction

In The Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful The Especially Merciful

This is a book about quotes I wrote when I had gone through my fair share of trials whilst travelling abroad, and the positive lessons I

learnt through my toil and struggle-

by the will of Allah

I have purposely kept it short,

for brief reading.

Text(Matn)

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

1. Never let go of your(correct) religious principles

2. The enemies surrounding you(i.e. Shaitan/ satan and dunia/ the seeming glitter of the world) (and within you, (i.e. your hawa/ desires and nafs/ your lower self) are always ready to launch attacks. Be vigilant(i.e. by supplicating to Allah always), be informed(i.e. seek knowledge) and be ready(for the ongoing spiritual battle/ warfare) and

on guard(by beseeching Allah’s assistance, refuge and rescue)

3. Sometimes you have to let go of certain things, for a new chapter if your life to begin

4. Whatever is with Allah(by His protection)/ Everything that is with Allah(by His protection) is never lost

5. It is at that breaking point, when you literally(and metaphorically) feel that you are fast-approaching rock bottom(or anguish is about to set in); that is the time to supplicate for all the good that you wish for. Then wait for the miracles that shall follow(only by the will of Allah)

6. Always ask for Allah’s bounties/ favours upon you(, whether you hear the cockerel crow or not)

Bonus Chapter

General Cycle of a Software Engineering Project

1. Requirements specification

2. Objectives of the new Project

3. Design i.e.: prototyping, wireframe diagrams, use of UML(unified modelling language) etc.

4. Software programming/ Implementation of the actual code for the Software

5. Testing the Software i.e.

a) unit testing

b) black box testing

c) White box testing etc.

6. Deployment- i.e.

Making the software live to to the end users

a. i.e. continuous Integration and Deployment(CI/ CD) as in the Agile Methodology

b. In the waterfall model, generally deployment happens only once in in the project.

7. Documentation:

This is done more in the Waterfall model for example.

8. Maintenance (of the Software System)

FINAL PRAYER

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to Allah, and peace be upon his final Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, his family, his companions and all of

those that follow them till the day of Judgement.

FINAL WORD

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Bonus Chapter 1

3 types of souls

1. Mutma innah- Surah Fajr Verse 27(The break of day or The Dawn)

2. Lawwaamah- Chapter 75 Surah Qiyaamah(The Resurrection) Verse 2

3.Amru bissuw-

Hisnul Muslim- Qahtani

3 types of hearts

1. Qalbun Saliim(A sound heart)

2. Qalbun Mareedh(A sick heart)

Oh Allah give us a complete cure

that leaves no illness Ameen.

3. Qalbun Mayyit(A dead heart)

May Allah protect us from this

Ameen

Bonus Chapter 2

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

1. If you don’t let go to worldly love, you’ll never know which relationship is meant to be permanent, and which was meant to be temporary; for the good of yourself.

Take the example of Prophet Ibrahim(upon him be peace and Salaam):

The important thing(wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best) is that Allah wanted Ibrahim(‘aleihimussalaatu wa salaam/ upon him be peace and

Salaam) to sacrifice the love of his son from his own heart.

Like the story of the 2 sons of Adam; Allah wanted to see who would part from the dunia/worldly life from their hearts(wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best), by giving their best possessions i.e. the crops

Allah is Assamad(He is in need of noone/nothing, but all are in need of him).

So the conclusion is that Allah wants us to go to Him with Qalbun Salim(a pure heart).

May Allah allow us to live and die with Qalbun saliim(a pure heart)

May Allah guide us all

Ameen

Bonus Chapter 3

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To proceed

Fronting wouldn’t be such an accurate name for ‘gra gra’, as they call it in Nigeria.

In Nigeria, the social system/ system of daily interaction/ operation is set by the people(of-course by the permission of Allah), in their own way.

Trying to compare Nigeria with another country is like trying to compare tomatoes and potatoes, they are not the same; a vegan would definitely tell you that. Some

Nigerians will go a s far as telling you that:

“There are the Blacks, the whites, and then the Nigerians “

or thereabout, which in my (almost a) years experience in Nigeria, I would definitely agree with this idiom. This is from the angle of Nigeria and its people

I can categorically say that gragra is a spiritual system that Nigerians use to carry out their day to day tactical activities and strategies.

I must admit, I've never seen any system in the world so solid.

Much of their tactics and strategies(…) with regards to the 'gragra' is not even written down.

Gragra is a spiritually etched system in the souls of the people living in Nigeria (both Nigerians and

foreigners who have assimilated long enough in Nigeria).

As a practising Muslim(by the permission of Allah), I only wished to analyse the positive side of this so-called gragra.

In conclusion, at the end of the gragra, you get all the things you need(by the will of Allah), not necessarily what you want(especially if it is not good for

you). This is from an Islamic and spiritually inclined point of view.

Just as a final warning:

Nigeria is not for the faint-hearted nor the dumb-witted. You also have to have contacts in high places to (generally) positively live there.

Bonus Chapter 4

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To proceed

4 Parts to the Qadar(Pre- destiny of Allah)

1. Al ‘Ilm(knowledge)

That Allah knows everything that was, everything that is(now), everything that is going to be/ that will happen(in the future), and also things that **if they were to happen**, how they would happen.

2. Al Kitaabah(The writing)

That Allah instructed the pen to write all the things that will happen(till eternity- And Allah knows best), 50, 000 years before the creation of the Heavens and Earth.

3. Mashi a(Will)

That everything happens by the will of Allah.

That we also a will, but ultimately, it is still under the will of Allah.

‘Aml(Action/ Deeds)

That Allah created/ creates everything, including our actions.